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OTOGRAF KOLEKTIN.

Bai D. M. Kollnz.

A dinji lot ov ôld pépurz; hwot duz it mín, aat só muc trubl çud bí tékn in ær prezurvêçun, aat garets ár ransakt, boksez and barelz óvturnnd, draivín æ rats from ær fêvurit ritrîts, and distraktín æ komplésensi ov ordurli houskîpurz. Haz æ taitl tu æi ôld hómsted bin lost, or haz æi ôaur ov æ disturbans fôln èr tu an Ingliç nóbلمان, and rikwairz sum ôld dokûment tu establiç hiz aidentiti? Alas! for æ opinyunz ov sensibl pípl, æ lukt for praiz is most laikli tu bí a skrôl ov "Ôld Hikori"; "Æ Hîró ov Tipikanû", or sum vður persun huz klém tu rimembrans rests ónli in hiz taitl.

But az it rikwairz ôl sorts ov pípl tu mék a world, and æz ôld pépur konoçûrz bíñ about az provident ov ær familiz az vðurz, æ mé séfli bí aloud tu indolj in æis hármles hobi.

Wurales áó æé mé bí, for ôl praktikal purpusez, æ séfest gaid bai hwic tu bikum akwénted wiç æ best ejúketed pípl ov ôl taims, iz a kolekçun ov manyuskrips; tu æm æ skolar and æ histórian stand indeted for ær nolej ov æ past, and but for æ vandalizm aat distroid æi éñçunt kolekçunz ov Róm, Alekzandria and Jirúsalem, it wud bí but az a drím ov yesturde.

In æi Yunaited Stéts, kolekturz hav çus far givn æ prefurens tu leturz and dokyûments rilétín tu ær ón histori, kolekçuns ov hwic hav until létli bin prinsipali obténd bai surçín ôld failz ov pépurz, or bai ekscénjin, but sins æé hav bigun tu hav a márket valyú, nûrli ôl æ avélabl matfriuiz hav bin brôt out, and nó sélz at ôkçun haviñ okurd for sum taim, gud leturz ár bikumiñ kwait difikult tu get.

Kolekçunz mé bí klasifaid intu sets ov æ sainurz; frémurz; ôld kongres;

kolónial guvurnurz; stét guvurnurz; jenuralz ov æi ôld Frenc and Indian wor, æ Meksikan wor, æ rebelyun, névi ofisurz; prezidents; vaisprezidents; æ kabinets etc. Ôaurz wil nou bí ébl tu çék handz wiç æ vður, póets wil kíp kumpani, æ grét ajitéçunists ov æ dé wil faind æmselvz wel reprizented and kompeld tu kíp kwáiet, (in a pórtfôlyô), and só on tu æ end ov æ list.

Tu áóç ov our frendz hú are nou kolekting or about tu komens, a fû wurdz ov advais, if folód out, wil in æi end sév æm muc trubl, and çud æé at eni taim wiç tu dispóz ov ær kolekçunz, æé wil hav litl difikultí in dáñ só, and veri laikli at an advans on ær kost, for gud spesimens ár kontinyuali gróñ mór skêrs and valyuabl.

Prizerv æ leturz entair; ôl mendin eksept bai áóç hu mék it a prófeçun wil bí móst laikli tu dipríçiét ær valyu; æstur rimúvin æ krísez bai preçur, plés æ spesimenz in rapurz ov gud aik manila pépur, yúziñ nó pést, and lébel æm on æ kuvur, tékiñ kêr tu mék nó máirks, or in eni wé difésiñ æm; æen az pórtreéts ár obténd, plés æm in æ rapur bak ov æ letur.

Meni valyuabl leturz hav bin rûind bai péstiñ and inç nôts. Wí létli risívd a kolekçun from Ilinoi, hwic wud hav bin wura óvur \$50, but æ flai livz from æ leturz had bin kut óf, æ mårjinz klipt, and æ riméniñ póçunz wiç pórtreéts fûrmlí pésted in a blanç buk faur wiç advlteréted gum or kóld wôtur pést, hwic had só diskulurd æm, aat æé wer ov skêrsli eni valyú.

Meni pípl ár kept from kolekting ærá fir ov bíñ impózð on wiç imitéçunz, but æer iz but litl dénjur ov Amerikan leturz, eksept ov Woçington, Franklín, and a fû vðurz. Doubtful leturz çud bí sent tu sum wel nón kolektur or díflur wiç stamps for riturn póstej.

OUR AUTOGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

We have made arrangements with a well known collector and dealer in Autographs in this city, D. M. COLLINS, No. 33 CLARKSON ST. in whom we place entire confidence, to take charge of this branch of our business, with the privilege of a portion of our columns, to whose address all orders, or letters of enquiry should be sent, and who is ready to buy, sell, or exchange any thing in this line.

The editorial on our first page will introduce him to our readers, and the list on our third, is the commencement of about 6000 lines which would be necessary to describe his collection, which is one of the finest and most comprehensive in the country, and embraces: Generals of the Rev; members of old Congress; signers of Dec. Ind; framers of the Constitution; Albany congress of 1754-1765; U. S. Senators; Prests. of the senate; members of Congress; Generals and officers of the war of 1812; of the army and navy in general; Poets; Authors; Govs. and Lt. Govs; Statesmen; Actors; nearly a complete set of the Presidents and Cabinets; old New York colonial Govs. and Sec'y's., and all the leading men of the day.

Any letter not proving satisfactory, if returned within a month, may be exchanged for others.

NEWLY ISSUED OR INEDITED STAMPS.

Unless otherwise described the stamps are rectangular and perforated.

ANGOLA. 5 reis black, 10 orange, 20 bistre, 25 red, 50 green, 100 violet.

BELGIUM. The Philatelist says the 6c. current type will not appear.

CUNDINIMARCA. This state has issued unperforated stamps similar in design to the current type of the New Granada, 5 centavos blue, 10 red.

DENMARK. 4 skilling figure in centre, slate frame, centre carmine.

FRANCE. (Identical with the Republic stamps but on thinner paper perforated and unperforated 10 centimes bistre, 20 blue, 40 orange, 80 pink.

HOLLAND, 2½ cent. purple.

NEWFOUNDLAND. Similar to current Canadian revenues, 3 cents red, 6 carmine.

NEW GRANADA. The color of the 10 pesos (omitted from Nov. No.) is black on vermillion. Rectangular unperf. 5 centavos (see engraving in Dec. No.) yellow on white; 5 pesos, large size, black on green glazed paper. Registered letter stamp, R in oval inscribed "Registro" 5c. black.

PARAGUAY. Rect. unperf. similar to 1 real. 2 reals deep blue, 3 reals black.

ROUMANIA. Newspaper band. "Diare Periodice" below, 1½ parale, black on green.

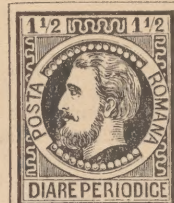
SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC, 1 penny black.

ST. THOMAS & PRINCE ISLANDS. 5 reis black, 10 yellow, 20 bistre, 25 red, 50 green, 100 violet.

SWITZERLAND. Luxemburg and Wurtemberg are said to have issued Post cards, we have only seen this, 5 centimes red.

VICTORIA. The color of the 2 pence which we gave as blue should be red.

The sale of coins at Boston, was postponed to the 22d. ult. The coins were all sold in less than three hours, many of the bunch lots sold quite cheap. The 1797 half dollar uncirculated, brought \$70. The whole sale realized about \$1300.



NOTICES OF SALES AT AUCTION.

At the auction sale of postage stamps held on the 19th. of Dec., rarities brought good prices, while ordinary stamps sold quite low. The following unused sets sold for 10 cents per set: Bavaria 2d. issue; Italy 4th. issue, 19 varieties; Parma 3d. & 4th. Romagna, 10 varieties; Mecklenburg Envelopes, 2 sets; Switzerland 1865-7 set of 13, &c. The collection, (especially the envelopes and essays), was on the whole in rather poor condition, but many of the rare adhesives were fine. The attendance was much smaller than at the previous sale, but the bidding was spirited.

Among the most remarkable lots, were used carriers stamp, head of Franklin, blue on pink, \$24; proof do. in orange \$4; Hartford local yellow \$3 62; set of Carriers, eagle \$2 50; N. S. and N. B. shillings used, 3 varieties, each \$4; Newfoundland 6½d. scarlet; unused \$3 50; 1 shilling do. \$5; Guadalajara used, 2 at \$4; New Granada 1863, 50 centavos red, used \$6 75; P. S. N. Co. set of 9 \$2; Uruguay, set of 3 Diligencia, \$12; Brazil, italics 180, 300 and 600 reis, used, \$10 50; 3 Guacho stamps or essays, each \$11; British Guiana 1851, 1 cent red, used \$5 50; Bolivia 1868 set new \$10; English essays 3 at \$2; set of envelopes, face value 30 shillings \$21; Hanover, old envelope \$3 50; Spain set of 1850, new \$11; Mauritius 1855 1 penny red, used \$3; Sandwich Is. 1853 set of proofs in black \$6; Luzon 1854, 5 cuartos red \$4; 1 real blue \$3; Victoria 43 varieties mostly used \$6; 2 vols. of S. C. Magazine \$6 50. The proceeds of the sale were about \$650.

There was a sale of Continental money, Coins, and Curiosities from Philadelphia, at Clinton Hall on the 21st. of Dec., which contained but few rarities. Some Indian stone axes brought from 50c. to \$2. each; petrified amonite weight 10 lbs. \$2 62; 1 Indian pipe of red clay \$3 50. Of the coins a set of 12 pattern nickels of 1858 brought \$11; 12 proof sets of silver from 1859 to 1870 averaged \$4 50 per set.

Of the Paper money, which was mostly poor, the Continental averaged about 20c. 8 notes of Yorktown brought about \$3. each; 1 fine \$20 note sold for \$10 50; notes of N. H. averaged about 30c. of R. I. \$2; of Conn. 75c; of Mass. from 30c. to \$1 75; of N. Y. from 30c. to \$2; of N. J. about 10c. each; 1 6d. note of Jan. 9. 1781 uncirculated, \$3 75; of Penn. about 15c; of Del. 25c; of Md. 15c; of Va. 50c; one for \$1200. \$2 12; of N. C. 75c; of S. C. 40c; of Ga. 75c; Snowden's manual of Washington and National medals 203 pp. new. \$4 25. The total proceeds were \$500.

We are informed by Mr. Edward Cogan, Dealer in Coins, Medals &c. 95 William st, N. Y. City, that his stock will be sold at auction by Bangs, Merwin & Co., Jan. 16th. 1870.

LIST OF AUTOGRAPH LETTERS.

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ABBREVIATIONS. Als. Autograph letter signed, Ols. Official letter signed, Ls. Letter signed, Ds. Document signed. Ads. Autograph document signed. Ns. note signed.

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1795 Dollar good	2 00	
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1796 " fair	2 50	
1797 " fine	3 00	
1798 " fair	1 50	
1799 " fine	2 00	
1800 " "	2 50	
1801 " fair	2 00	
1802 " poor	1 50	
1803 " "	1 50	
1794 Half dol. good	2 00	
1795 " "	1 25	
1811 " "	1 50	
1815 Quar. dol. fair	75	
1859-60-61 do. proofs, each	60	
1796 Dime fine	2 00	
1811 " fair	1 00	
1794 Half dime fair	3 00	
1795 " fine	1 50	
1796 " "	5 00	
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1800 " good	1 25	

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NOTICES OF THE PRESS.

The Philatelist, a monthly journal published by Stafford Smith & Co., Brighton, England, gives us quite a favorable notice, but thinks our peculiar method of spelling will overbalance its usefulness to philatelists, which suggests to them a happy combination of Artemus Ward and Josh Billings, with a few slices of Mr. Pitman, the great phonetic apostle, put in to make weight. The same journal however gives its readers a page and a half of hieroglyphics which we presume to be full as edifying to its readers. Here is a sample: aaabccdeeeeeeell jllmnoooooorrrasssttuuv, supposed to be a transposition of the inscription on some stamp.

It has been a query with many what could be our object in introducing this system; some have supposed it was intended as a curiosity merely, but only our full conviction of its utility would have induced us to give it a place in our columns. Should the size of our paper be increased, we shall be happy to discuss its merits, until then we refer critics to "The American Philological Magazine", a monthly journal of 30 pages published by Brown & Duer, 37 Park Row, N. Y. City.

The Philatelist also informs us that the 10 and 20 centimes are all that have been issued of the new French Republic stamps. We have not only these, which are from the original dies but on thin paper and perforated, but also the 40c. all from Paris by balloon post. The Stamp Collector's magazine is informed that they are used unperforated for country towns. This statement is confirmed by a letter we have seen, received from Bordeaux, which had on it the 80 centimes, evidently from a new die, and unperforated, of the same shade as the last issue of unperforated 80c. Empire. The party who sold us the used perforated stamps, informs us that he had also an 80c. perforated. We have just obtained the 10c. from Calais, unperforated and from a new plate.

LIST OF POSTAGE STAMPS FOR JANUARY.

	new. used.
Brazil 30c. large figures	40
" 60c. "	30
Cape of Good Hope, 4d. blue wood block	1 00
" " 1864, 1-4-4 & 1 shilling	02
Finland 10-20-40 penni	05
Great Britain 1 penny black	03
Holland $2\frac{1}{2}$ c. purple	03
India 1854. 4 annas oct.	08
" Service 1 anna, 6 an. & 8 pies	05
" 6 annas violet, long	15
Livonia rose, green centre	06
Mauritius 1-2-4-6d.-1sh.	05
N. S. Wales, Sydney view, 1 penny	75
" 2d. blue, 3d. green	40
" Laureated 6 pence brown	40
New Zealand 1-2-6d. 1sh.	10
Queensland 5 shilling rose	20
Roumania $1\frac{1}{2}$ purple, Newspaper band	04
Spain 1870, 10- 25-50-200	03
South African Republic 1 penny black	06
Straits Settlements 96 cents brown	06
Turkey 10-20 parias, 1 piastre	05
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" " 1869-70, 90c.	15
" " 1870, 24-30c.	04
" " 6-10-12-15	01

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